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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...Summer has been a busy time for the State Library. On, Tuesday, September 5th, the New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Book Consortium went live with 862 downloadable titles. Some 23 New Hampshire libraries partnered with the State Library to bring downloadable audio books to their patrons in this first round. More than 500,000 New Hampshire residents now have access to these downloadable books. Ten additional partners will join the consortium and will go live in early October. Working with OverDrive, headquartered in Cleveland, each library in the initial group developed a system to certify their patrons to use the system. We are expecting more libraries will come online after the first of the year.

This year's annual trip to Washington organized by the State Library was a big success. Forty-two librarians from public and school libraries traveled with us this year. The first stop for the group, after arriving at Union Station, was the new American Indian Museum. This magnificent museum was opened in 2004. We then had lunch with Congressman Bass at the Capitol building; after lunch we attended a meeting at the Library of Congress with Dr. James Billington, Librarian of Congress. Dr. Billington told us what the library is working on to improve services in the future and discussed the pros and cons of Wikipedia, he gave a very interesting perspective on the use of the Internet from a scholar's view point.

For the last four years, the Department of Cultural Resources has produced the New Hampshire Living Legacy Calendar. On September 28th, the Department launched this year's calendar highlighting 14 New Hampshire libraries: Bedford Public Library; Franklin Public Library; Keene Public Library; Laconia Public Library; Lebanon Public Library; Manchester City Library; Nesmith Library, Windham; Peterborough Town Library; Plaistow Public Library; Portsmouth Public Library; Richards Free Library, Newport; Rye Public Library; University of New Hampshire Library, Durham; and the Wilton Public-Gregg Free Library, Wilton. Each of the library partners has its image on the front of their calendars to help make them more saleable. Citizens Bank has sponsored the production of the calendar for the last four years. The generosity of the Citizens Bank Foundation has allowed the Department of Cultural Resources to build a fund through the sale of the calendars to support international cultural exchanges.

-Michael York, State Librarian

CENTER FOR THE BOOK AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

by Mary Russell, Director
NH State Library

From the Director's Desk...Each U.S. state, and the District of Columbia, has a Center for the Book affiliated with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. These centers promote books and reading in their communities through various projects and programs. This past March, the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library was granted a renewal of our Library of Congress affiliation, through 2008. Our plan is to continue to build on the various programs and projects begun since our founding in 2003. I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date, briefly, on some of these projects. More information on all our activities is available at <http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter>.

New Hampshire Authors' Room - Part of our mission is "to celebrate and promote...the literary heritage of New Hampshire" and with that in mind we have established the *New Hampshire Center for the Book Authors' Room* at the N.H. State Library in Concord. State Librarian Michael York described the room as "a special place in the State Library dedicated to New Hampshire writers, and it is our hope they will feel welcome here and they will use our resources about New Hampshire." Currently, the Authors' Room features a display on the works of the Granite State's nine poets laureate including images of each poet, a display of their books, sample poems, and binders of resource materials on each of them. A special issue of *Book Notes* - all about New Hampshire's Poets Laureate - was published in connection with this exhibit. We plan to have a couple of different displays in the room each year that focus on some specific aspect of New Hampshire's literary heritage. It might be work of a particular type, such as novels or biography; work by a particular group of writers, like the poets laureate; or writings on a specific topic, like the Old Man of the Mountain.

Book Notes - In the spring of 2005 we published our first issue of *Book Notes*, our biannual newsletter. The newsletter includes information on Center for the Book projects as well as articles about the literary heritage of the Granite State. Members of the Center for the Book receive copies of the newsletter and sample copies have been distributed to libraries, book stores, and various groups of people whom we felt might be interested in a particular issue. Membership in the Center starts at just \$5.00 per year.

Ladybug Picture Book Award - New Hampshire children from preschoolers to those in third grade selected *Skippyjon Jones* by Judy Schachner, published by Dutton Children's Books, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group, as the winner of the 2005 Ladybug Picture Book Award. With 13,936 children casting ballots for their favorite picture book from among 10 titles, *Skippyjon Jones* won with 4,982 votes. Sponsored by the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library, the Ladybug Picture Book Award was established in 2003 to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books.

IMPAC Dublin Literary Awards - The N.H. Dublin Award committee has announced its nominees for the 2007 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the largest and most international prize of its kind. These are fictional works of high literary merit published in English during 2005. After reading and discussing many excellent books, the committee selected these titles for nomination: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer; *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami; *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Letters About Literature - Letters written by Isabel Starr of Hollis, Kylee Drugan-Eppich of Madbury, and Steve Therrien of Exeter were selected as the New Hampshire winners in the 2006 Letters About Literature (LAL) writing competition. LAL is a reading and writing promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, presented in partnership with Target Stores and coordinated in New Hampshire by the

Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library. To enter, young readers wrote a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. Readers selected authors from any genre - fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. There were three competition levels in the program; upper elementary, middle school, and high school. The contest theme encouraged young readers to explore their personal response to a book and then express that response in a creative, original way. This year there were more than 47,000 entries nationwide. Twenty-eight New Hampshire semi-finalist were selected across the three competition levels by a panel of judges working on behalf of the Library of Congress. Our three winners were selected from this group of outstanding letters by a panel of New Hampshire judges: Ann Hoey, Youth Services Coordinator at the N.H. State Library; Selma Nacach-Hoff, English Department Coordinator, Manchester High School Central; Amanda Joaquin-Allan, Special Education Teacher, Auburn Village School; Rob Greene, Editor, Hippo Press; Donna Ciocca, author of *Harley & Homer*; and the poet John-Michael Albert.

NHewLINK DATABASE VENDOR CHOSEN

by Diana Degen, Supervisor
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After reviewing and evaluating a number of database products from different vendors, the NHewLINK Database Selection Committee has chosen EBSCO Publishing to provide an excellent selection of general interest, business, educational, medical and fiction databases to New Hampshire libraries. All of the currently available products will remain, including upgrading to Business Source Premier and Academic Search Premier, and adding Consumer Health Complete to the databases available to patrons for in library and remote use.

Visit NHewLINK at <http://www.nhewlink.state.nh.us/>. For any questions or assistance with NHewLINK contact the Electronic Information Resources Section of the N.H. State Library, 20 Park Street, Concord, or by calling (603) 271-2143 or e-mail ddegen@library.state.nh.us.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER HONORED AT STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

by John Barrett, Supervisor
Talking Book Section

Lynne Saltonstall, Volunteer Administrator at the New Hampshire Association for the Blind received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Management. The award was presented to Lynne by Governor Lynch at the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism which was held in Concord. This is a statewide award that is given to an individual for their excellence in leadership and management of volunteers in New Hampshire.

BOOKBAG COLLECTION DAMAGED BY FLOODING

by Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor
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NH State Library

The State Library has made progress in inventorying and reorganizing the Book Bag collection following the spring's flood. The process is not complete, but has progressed to the point that we will allow libraries to submit requests for Book Bag reservations as of September 5th. We have not updated our online or print lists yet regarding lost titles, but if you contact us we can review our ongoing inventory of titles. We will do our best to fulfill requests for books that we still own in a timely manner. I ask that you submit requests several weeks in advance of your book discussion. We will need the time to ensure that we do have the title and are able to locate it at the not-quite-organized Last Copy Center building.

Please be patient while we continue to reorganize the Book Bag collection and update our records. If you want to make a reservation contact Ruby Matott in Circulation at the State Library at 271-2616.

1 BOOK, 1 VALLEY, 1 COMMUNITY

by Olga Morrill
Conway Public Library

Imagine if folks throughout the Mt. Washington Valley (MWV) read the same book. Then talked about it. And THEN invited the author here and got to meet him. Well, this is one daydream that's coming true. The book is *A Stranger in the Kingdom*. The author is Howard Frank Mosher. The program is **1 Book 1 Valley**. And it's happening now.

Libraries from Ossipee to Jackson (including Fryeburg) are cooperating with Granite State College, White Birch Books, Kennett High School, and MWV and Conway Chambers of Commerce to distribute copies of the book and information about the program. **1 Book 1 Valley** is supported by grants from the N.H. Humanities Council, the Pequawket Foundation, the Kendal C. and Anna Ham Charitable Foundation, the Believe in Books Foundation and the White Birch Books. Additional funds are being donated by the Friends Groups of the participating libraries.

A Stranger in the Kingdom (Dell, 1990) is set in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont in the 1950's. It is at once a coming-of-age story and a murder mystery, a trial drama and a portrait of a rural New England town familiar to many Valley residents. The combination of suspense and humor appeals to teens as well as adults. Discussion material ranges from baseball to ethics.

Howard Frank Mosher lives in the Northeast Kingdom. He will visit the Valley on Thursday, November 9th and will interact with adults and students through 3 different venues:

1st) 12:00 p.m., Red Fox Pub in Jackson, featured guest at the Friends of the Jackson Library's annual luncheon. Buffett costs \$20 (send name and the number in your party with check payable to Friends of the Jackson Public Library, PO Box 276, Jackson, N.H. 03846). NOTE: Mosher's presentation after lunch at 1:00 p.m. is free & open to the public.

2nd) 3:30 p.m., Conway Public Library, Mosher will facilitate a discussion of *A Stranger in the Kingdom* with students and teachers from Kennett High School and Fryeburg Academy who have read the book. Refreshments will be served. Public welcome, too.

3rd) 7:30 p.m., Salyards Hall on Main Street, Conway Village, Mosher's major presentation. "Why the Northeast Kingdom?" is both informative and humorous. Questions and Answers and open discussion over dessert, coffee and punch. Free and open to the public.

For further information about **1 Book 1 Valley**, contact your local library.

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

Guest opinion by Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)

What entity serves two-thirds of the United States' population expending less than two percent of all tax dollars? Here's a hint: there are more of them than there are McDonald's restaurants. With a Borders, Barnes and Noble and/or Hastings in each of Idaho's major cities, and a wide variety of home entertainment accessible by cable, satellite or the Internet, you might be surprised to learn that Americans visit public libraries 1.2 billion times a year, borrowing over two billion books, CDs, videos and more. In fact, a 2006 American Library Association poll indicates the top use of libraries today is Internet and computer use.

Access to the World Wide Web is especially important in Idaho, considering that although approximately two-thirds of Idaho homes have Internet access, there are thousands of households that do not, especially in rural areas.

September not only means the start of another school year; it's also National Library Card Sign-up Month. This is a perfect time to pick up library cards for the family, if you don't already have them. Libraries hold the keys to a universe of possibility for people of all ages: families can plan a vacation; parents can research home improvement; children can find the latest mystery or adventure stories; borrowers can check out movies or even books on tape for travel; all at a negligible cost—provided materials are returned on time, of course! And public libraries are working hard to ensure that young Internet users are safe from the perils of Internet predators and pornography, so that parents don't worry when their children are online at their local library.

Libraries have a lengthy and rich tradition in the history of civilization. As long as there has been written language, people have recorded histories, traditions and ways of life. Records of law, technology, philosophy, religion and even business transactions dating to 2500 B.C. exist in Akkadian, one of civilization's first written languages. Remarkably, many remain preserved today and some are housed in libraries in the United States and abroad. One of the oldest library systems in the world is at Oxford University, which opened its first library in 1320, although it was not public. And, while not the oldest but much closer to home, our very own Library of Congress holds the honor of being the largest in the world with over 130 million items including manuscripts, books, photographs and maps. In addition to touring the magnificent buildings and reading rooms, visitors can register for a reader card which grants access privileges to many of the library's vast holdings.

Late in life, Thomas Jefferson noted to a friend that "I am far from presuming to direct the reading of my fellow citizens, who are good enough judges themselves of what is worth their reading." Jefferson, who sold over 6,400 of his own books to help start the Library of Congress, knew the importance of reading and an educated electorate. Perhaps, most importantly, he recognized that a successful democracy provides a myriad of education and enrichment reading resources recognizing and respecting many individual interests. With modern technology, the Internet and interlibrary loan, most Idahoans don't have to leave their community to access vast collections held by libraries such as the Library of Congress, some university libraries and even libraries overseas. And likely as not, one of the over 140 public libraries in Idaho - the one in your local community - may have exactly what you need. Take time this month to stop by your local library, talk to a librarian and, with library card in hand, delve into a world of limitless possibilities.

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CITY CUTS LIBRARY BUDGET 5%

by Carol Luers Eyman
Outreach & Community Services Coordinator
Nashua Public Library

The Nashua Public Library's budget was cut 5% for FY2007. To meet these numbers, the library has reduced the number of pages on staff, begun opening at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m., reduced the materials budget, eliminated funding for film licenses and AV equipment, and temporarily closed the Chandler Memorial Branch Library.

The branch library, just a half mile from the main library, had been underused for a number of years. Library trustees are considering the eventual sale of the building, with the proceeds to be used to fund the renovation of the library's unfinished East Wing. All this, however, depends on a determination by the court, since the building was originally a gift to the library.

Partly in response to these cutback, the library began revitalizing its long-dormant Friends groups last winter. The group now has a full slate of officers, over 50 members, and \$5,000 in the bank. Fundraisers have included two book sales and the sale of canvas book bags and of "Nashua: Then and Now," a book of historical photos.

One program of the Friends has been funding raffle prizes. In a recent survey, parking was the one area with which Nashua Public Library customers consistently expressed dissatisfaction. Parking is at a metered city lot and costs 50 cents per hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. In response to the survey, the library is holding a series of free monthly raffles of electronic parking cards with 20 hours' worth of parking on them. The hope is to increase awareness of the parking cards' availability.

CLIF GRANTS

by Ann Hoey
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NH State Library

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) recently awarded grants for new children's books to the following New Hampshire libraries: the Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield; the Groton Public Library; the Hampton Falls Free Library; the Milton Free Public Library; the Libbie A. Cass Memorial Library, Springfield; and the Wilmot Public Library. Six public libraries in Vermont also received book grants. The Children's Literacy Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and writing among children throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. CLiF particularly targets children in rural communities. Every year 12 New Hampshire public libraries receive CLiF grants. For more information, visit <http://www.clifonline.org/>

RIVIER COLLEGE RECEIVES \$2 MILLION PLEDGE

Rivier College, Nashua, has received a \$2 million pledge from William Conway, a college trustee, and his wife, Jane. It is the largest cash pledge in the history of the college. The Conway family's contribution will be used to build a 10,000 square foot addition to Regina Library. The library expansion will be used for student study space, additional computers, and electronic resources. As part of the expansion, the rest of the library structure will be updated to comply with building codes. Built in 1958, the library houses 100,000 volumes.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

by Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor
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Boutelle, Annie. **BECOMING BONE: POEMS ON THE LIFE OF CELIA THAXTER (1835-1894).** University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, AR. 2005 \$16.00 ISBN 155728797X
Poems prompted by the life and works of New Hampshire's famous poet.

Buell, Janet. **SAIL AWAY, LITTLE BOAT.** Carolrhoda Books, Minneapolis, MN. 2006 \$15.95
ISBN 1575058219

Picture book about a toy boat that travels from a rural brook to the ocean where it is found by three children. Buell lives in Goffstown, N.H.

Crossley, Dorothy I. **TAKE MY PICTURE!: MEMOIRS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKIING AND SAILING, FIFTY YEARS AS A PHOTOJOURNALIST.** The Durand Press, Etna, N.H. 2005 \$33.00
ISBN 0970832443

Crossley spent much time in the New Hampshire mountains and her memoir includes anecdotes and photographs.

Deady, Kathleen W. **ALL YEAR LONG.** Carolrhoda Books, Minneapolis, MN. 2004 \$10.85
ISBN 1575055376

Picture book about the four seasons by Manchester, N.H. author Deady.

Dickson, Catherine. **AS I'VE HEARD TELL: MEMOIRS OF CATHERINE DICKSON, 1922 THRU 1978.** Liebl Printing Company, Colebrook, N.H. 2005 \$37.00
Historical account of Canterbury, N.H., in the 20th century by a long time resident.

Diehl, Jean Heilprin. **LOON CHASE.** Sylvan Dell Publishing, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 2006 \$15.95
ISBN 0976494388

Picture book about a family canoe trip and a chance meeting with a loon family. Both author Diehl and illustrator Kathryn Freeman summer in New Hampshire.

DiPiro, Dan. **EVERYTHING THE INSTRUCTORS NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT MOGUL SKIING.** Authorhouse, Bloomington, IN. 2005 \$13.45 ISBN 142086159X
Mogul skiing techniques from champion skier and instructor at Cannon Mountain. DiPiro lives in Easton, N.H.

English, Ben, Jr. and Jane English, editors. **OUR MOUNTAIN TRIPS PART 1 - 1899 TO 1908; BEING AUTHENTIC ACCOUNTS OF CAMPING, PACKING, AND TRAMPING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Bondcliff Books, Littleton, N.H. 2005 \$19.95
ISBN 1931271178

100 year old narrative of a family's trekking experiences in the White Mountains, transcribed by their grandchildren.

Esposito, Mary Ann. **CIAO ITALIA PRONTO!: 30-MINUTE RECIPES FROM AN ITALIAN KITCHEN.** St Martin's Press, New York, N.Y. 2005 \$27.95 ISBN 0312339089
Fast and delicious Italian dishes by the host of the PBS television show *Ciao Italia*. Author Esposito lives and cooks in Durham, N.H.

Gagnon, Lauren. **AN EXETER ALPHABET: LEARNING ABOUT EXETER FROM A TO Z.** Publishing Works, Exeter, N.H. 2005 \$14.00 ISBN 1933002050

Children's alphabet books with Exeter, N.H. related words and photographs.

Gilbert, Alma M. **MAXFIELD PARRISH: MASTER OF MAKE-BELIEVE.** Philip Wilson Publishers, London, England. 2005 \$49.40 ISBN 0856676012

The catalog accompanying an exhibit of the works of Parrish, who lived in New Hampshire. Author Gilbert is a Parrish expert and lives on Parrish's former estate.

Gilliland, Judith Heide. **STRANGE BIRDS.** Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, N.Y. 2006 \$17.00 ISBN 0374372756

Eleven year old Anna's parents are lost at sea and her world collapses. Adventures begin when she finds a herd of tiny winged horses in a tree near her New Hampshire home. Author Gilliland lives in Amherst, N.H.

Hudson, Judy, Doug Mayer and Steve Smith. **RANDOLPH PATHS: GUIDE TO THE NORTHERN PRESIDENTIALS AND THE CRESCENT RANGE.** Randolph Mountain Club, Gorham, N.H. 2005 \$16.95

Eighth edition of a guide to the trails and peaks in the White Mountains area around Randolph, N.H.

Kraichnan, Jack. **WINTER TO WINTER: A YEAR OF SEASONAL CHANGES IN THE MONADNOCK FOOTHILLS.** Snow Brook Press, Dublin, N.H. 2005 \$19.95 ISBN 0976903601

Poems written during a five mile walk through the foothills of Mt. Monadnock.

Kurtz, Sylvie. **PERSONAL ENEMY.** Silhouette Books, Don Mills, Ontario. 2005 \$4.50 ISBN 0373513437

A romantic suspense novel by former pilot and Milford, N.H. resident Kurtz.

Landis, Denise. **DINNER FOR EIGHT: 40 GREAT DINNER PARTY MENUS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.** St. Martin's Press, New York, N.Y. 2005 \$27.95 ISBN 0312325819

Menus and recipes for entertaining by *New York Times* recipe tester Landis, who lives in Exeter, N.H.

Laufman, Dudley. **THE STONE MAN: SHAKER BROTHER PETER AYERS, 1760-1857.** Canterbury Shaker Village, Inc., Canterbury, N.H. 2005 \$15.00 ISBN 091311703X

An illustrated narrative poem about a stone wall builder and Shaker community member by musician and writer Laufman, of Canterbury.

Lunn, John. **THE AQUANAUTS.** Tundra Books, Toronto, Ontario. 2005 \$8.95 ISBN 0887767273

Sixteen year old Greta finds herself trapped in the far future, in an undersea city in this juvenile adventure story. Author Lunn lives in New Hampshire.

Lunn, John. **THE MARINER'S CURSE.** Tundra Books, Toronto, Ontario. 2004 \$8.95 ISBN 0887766722

A juvenile thriller involving 12-year-old Rory on an ocean crossing luxury liner and a sinister ghost.

Maynard, Susan. **A SHAKER LIFE: THE DIARIES OF BROTHER IRVING GREENWOOD, 1894-1939.** Xlibris Corporation, Philadelphia, PA 2005 \$26.99 ISBN 141349319X

Historian Maynard lives in Canterbury, N.H., and has edited the diaries of Canterbury's last Shaker Brother.

NIGHTS OF NORTHERN LIGHTS: 40 SEASONS OF THE WEATHERVANE THEATRE. Stinehour Press, Lunenburg, VT. 2005 \$50.00 ISBN 0976956004

A history of the Weathervane Theatre in Whitefield, N.H., from its founding in 1966.
Parson, Alexander. **IN THE SHADOWS OF THE SUN**. Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, New York, N.Y. 2005
\$23.95 ISBN 0385512449

Novel of a New Mexico ranching family and their trials during World War II, including a son who endures the Bataan Death March.

Schmidt, Gary. **FIRST BOY**. Henry Holt and Company, New York, N.Y. 2005 \$16.95
ISBN 0805078592

Fourteen year old Cooper Jewett is alone on a New Hampshire dairy farm following his grandfather's death. Strange events begin to occur, including a visit with the President of the United States.

ROBERT B. PARKER A HIT AT MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY FUND-RAISER

by Arlene Letourneau
Reference Librarian
Manchester City Library

On May 17th, fans of Robert B. Parker, enjoyed an evening of quick-witted banter as well as a window into the working life of one of New England's best known authors. Fans of Parker's *Spencer* novels turned out in force to hear Parker at the library's auditorium, which was filled to near capacity. The fund-raiser was sponsored by the Manchester City Library Foundation.

Parker answered a variety of questions while occasionally poking fun at himself. He stepped to the side of a recently installed podium, which all but obscured his ample frame, saying he wanted to know who was the designer of the podium.

The questions kept coming during an hour-long question and answer period, including a question from a patron who wanted to know how he could write about things he knew nothing about. She was referring to his novel *Appaloosa* and the patron doubted that he knew much about horses. He tactfully didn't mention that the title is the name of a town, said he hadn't been on a horse in years, and that a good writer doesn't have to know all there is to know about a subject to write about it.

Parker was introduced by *Union Leader* correspondent, John Clayton, who had been a student in one of his classes at Northeastern University. After the question and answer period, Parker signed books and posed for photographs. The fund-raiser was a success, and a good time definitely was had by all.

LAND GIVEN FOR LIBRARY EXPANSION

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Longtime Kingston resident Marilyn Bartlett has donated a portion of her Depot Road land to the Nichols Memorial Library for its expansion.

Andy Richmond, director of the Nichols Memorial Library, said the additional land, approximately 12,000 square feet, would help alleviate the library's space crunch that has existed for more than 15 years.

"This is wonderful and came at the perfect time," Richmond said. "Expanding the library would allow us to expand our services, programs, collections to serve all the populations in our community."

Library staff and supporters have been trying to get a plan to expand or build a new library passed in town for roughly 15 years. An expansion plan was presented to residents in the early 1990s but was voted down. The purchase of land on Main Street across from the Carriage Towne Plaza for a new library building was approved in 2001, but voters have always rejected building plans.

With the creation of the Nichols Memorial Library strategic planning committee in December, 2005, staff, library Friends, and local residents have been working toward a five-year plan that includes facilities as one of its major components.

Richmond presented a six-month update on the committee's progress and the news of Bartlett's land donation to the Kingston Board of Selectmen last week.

The donation would allow the library to build a bigger addition than the plan presented about 15 years ago, and maintain a presence in Kingston Village. The expansion would most likely occur on the Depot Road side of the library.

"There is a great love for this building and its historical heritage," Richmond said. "A lot of people were concerned that if we built off-site, and now with Sanborn high school gone, that the village feel would unfold."

The building was constructed in 1898 by J. Howard Nichols as a gift for the town of Kingston in the name of his parents on condition that it be used as a library.

Since then the library has only seen one minor expansion, for a children's room in the 1960s.

Books were stored on the building's original stacks until new ones were added only a few years ago.

"With libraries no longer serving merely as book repositories but as more of an information and community center, an expansion of the library is crucial," Richmond said.

Bartlett's donation was made a few weeks ago and now soil scientists are working to analyze the site. When this is complete the town will have a better idea where exactly the expansion could go.

The next step would be forming a building committee as part of the strategic planning committee to plan for an expansion.

The committee would work with architects, decide on square footage, aesthetics and amenities.

Richmond said if an expansion becomes a reality, he's envisioning the library, as a whole, being a little less than 10,000 square feet.

Richmond hopes that if an expansion materializes the architects will join the 1898 facility and the addition in an aesthetically pleasing way.

He hopes historical elements can be used in the addition to tie the two together.

To pay for an expansion or a new library, the money would come out of the library capital reserve fund, which now has around \$200,000, and/or a portion of a town surplus left over from extra gate fees at the transfer station. This surplus totals \$5 million.

The town handed out surveys to residents earlier this year asking them what they'd like to see the money go toward. Richmond said the town is still waiting for more surveys but the library has been making a strong showing.

Chuck Hart, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said the board hopes to correlate the surveys this summer, note the top choices and host a public hearing, possibly in the fall, on which departments residents think should get a portion of the surplus.

The voters would have to approve Bartlett's land donation to the library through a warrant article in March.

If residents want the library to get a large portion of the surplus, another warrant article would have to be presented, most likely in the consecutive year, to release the money and put it in a special library building fund, Hart said.

The following year another warrant article may need to be presented for the actual building of the addition. Hart said it won't happen overnight.

If the library is expanded the facility could offer more young-adult and senior programs. Currently the library isn't handicapped-accessible.

Meetings and large group discussions can take place in the children's room but throughout the rest of the library space is limited.

When new book collections come in Richmond said he's sometimes forced to make a difficult decision on what should go to make room.

The library has already enacted some ideas that are included in its five-year plan such as a book drop-off case, new lighting, increasing the Monday hours, changing policies and upgrading its Web site.

In the future the library hopes to start a newsletter, create an online card catalog and renewal option, get a new boiler and expand its collection.

"ONE BOOK ONE TOWN"
AT THE MERRIMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY

by Janet Angus, Director
Merrimack Public Library

In October, the Merrimack Public Library will hold a series of free activities in conjunction with "One Book, One Town", its communitywide reading program. This year's book is *Snow Island* by Katherine Towler and the scheduled activities are somewhat related to places and events in the book. Raffle entries will be given to everyone who attends any of these programs, with the prizes being drawn on at the Finale Party on Sunday, October 29, 2006.

Tuesday, October 10th, 7 p.m. - Life in the 40's. Local residents recall and discuss life in the 1940's.

Tuesday, October 17th, 7 p.m. - Movie *Merrill's Marauders* (1962)

Wednesday, October 18th, 7 p.m. - Group Book Discussion of *Snow Island*. Author Katherine Towler is the feature guest.

Wednesday, October 25th, 6 p.m. - Teen Movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981)

Thursday, October 26th, 7 p.m. - Golden Age of Television. With Boston radio personality Mel Simons.

Sunday, October 29th, 1 p.m. - Finale Party

A party to close out the "One Book, One Town" activities. The raffle drawing will begin at 1:30 p.m. Participants do not have to be present to win.

CONCORD READS 2006

by Christine Wanta
Concord Pubic Library

When the Emperor Was Divine
by Julie Otsuka

This is an outstanding, beautifully-written novel about a Japanese American family living in California who are sent to an internment camp in the Utah desert during World War II. Its themes of lost freedom, war's effort on humanity and the treatment of other races during wartime resonate with events in the United States and around the world.

Check out a copy at the library or buy a copy at the local bookstore. This is a book that stays with you and makes you want to learn more about the government's internment of Japanese Americans. Join us for the book discussions and other related programs that are certain to promote great discussions. Don't miss this gem of a book and the interesting Concord Reads events we have planned!

Programs - we will have a variety of programs to participate in. One is a program for Children titled "Lanterns and Cranes" which will involve crafts and/or books on Japanese culture. Two are book discussion programs, one on a Sunday afternoon with Bob Pingree (retired English teacher from Concord High School) and Jennifer Lee (retired Professor of English from UNH), and one during lunchtime on a Tuesday with Jennifer Lee.

Dr. Allen Koop of Dartmouth College will give a program on Camp Stark, a German World War II camp in New Hampshire. This program, primarily about Camp Stark, also shows the contrast between the German POWs at Camp Stark and the Japanese American internment camps.

Dean John Hutson of the Franklin Pierce Law Center will lead a program "What does Winning Mean?" He says "we will talk about the relocation of the Japanese Americans during World War II and whether that experience taught us lessons we should apply now. We will also talk about the purpose of war and what it means to win."

Dr. Richard Minear, Professor at UMass Amherst, will give a slide lecture and presentation on his book *Dr. Seuss Goes to War*. Dr. Minear will discuss United States attitudes toward Japan before and immediately after Pearl Harbor, and the media portrayal of the Japanese using Dr. Seuss' editorial cartoons.

Finally, Carl Watanabe, former New Hampshire resident and WEVO announcer will give a program, "Starting Life Behind Barbed Wire: Growing Up in An Internment Camp". Carl Watanabe spent the first years of his life in a remote concentration camp in Arizona. He was among the 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry incarcerated during World War II. Two thirds of the people were citizens and half were children.

The above events are free and open to the public.

- 2) **Tuesday, October 10th, 4:15 p.m.** - Children's Program *Lanterns and Cranes*
- 3) **Sunday, October 15th, 2 p.m.** - *Community Book Discussion* with Bob Pingree and Jennifer Lee.
- 4) **Tuesday, October 17th, 12:10 p.m.** - *Brown Bag Book Discussion* with Jennifer Lee.
- 5) **Wednesday, October 18th, 7 p.m.** - Camp Stark with Dr. Koop.
- 6) **Tuesday, October 24th, 2 p.m.** - Dean John Hutson *What Does Winning Mean?*
- 7) **Sunday, October 29th, 2 p.m.** - *Dr. Seuss Goes to War* Richard Minear program.

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM

Barrington Public Library - Yu-Gi-Oh Card Gaming Club - This monthly gaming club will be run by local parent Jennifer Layne-Eastman. Every 3rd Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on a drop-in basis; no need to register. Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh cards and meet other kids who like to play! Ages 7 & up. Bring a friend; non-residents welcomed. Begins October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th.

Beginner's Knitting Class - Taught by Nancy & Shelby Fulton (mother and daughter team), you will learn how to do beginner's stitches to make a scarf. Registration is required at the library so you can pick from the selection of yarns for your project. Needles and yarn will be provided to each participant. Limit of 10 people will be signed up...may fill fast!! Ages 9-adult. Class dates will be (Saturdays) November 4th, 11th, and December 2nd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. with "homework" in between. Barrington residents have priority but if space allows non-residents will be welcomed (non-residents may call 2 weeks in advance to see if spaces are open).

Chocorua Public Library - Outreach Program - Chocorua Public Library is now offering outreach services in the community for those who are unable to come to the library. This service is available for young children in child care settings, seniors unable to get to the library and anyone else who may need books, CDs, DVDs, videos, magazines or other materials. Call the library at 323-8610 for more information or to sign up!

One Book One Valley - The library is participating in the communitywide read of *A Stranger in the Kingdom* by Howard Frank Mosher. Come to the library and borrow a copy of the book and pick up a brochure of activities in the area.

Inventory Evaluation - Chocorua Public Library is currently reviewing its collection and weeding out materials that are not of use to the community. If there is a book that you or your family donated to the library and you are interested in either having the book remain on the shelves or acquiring the book again, please contact the library. There will be a shelf near the desk of discarded books that will be "free" for the taking.

Community Coffee Klatch - The Coffee Klatch meets at the library on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Coffee, tea, sweets, and great conversation are all part of the morning. Bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome!

Volunteers - The library is looking for volunteers to help with outreach, inventory and other projects. Do you have a special skill or interest? We could use your help!

Library Hours - Chocorua Public Library is open Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Nashua Public Library - Hurray for Bollywood - The Nashua Public Library recently added over 40 Indian feature-film DVDs to its collection. These "Bollywood" titles, including award winners, classics, and recent releases, are extremely popular with the city's large Asian population.

BookNews from DearReader.com - In May, 2006, the Nashua Public Library began offering its customers BookNews, e-mail reader advisory newsletters developed by DearReader.com. The newsletters, available in a couple of dozen genres, include three to eight books and show the books jacket, a summary or review, and a link to the book in the library's catalog. The library is also using the e-mail list management services of DearReader.com.

Best of New Hampshire - The Nashua Public Library has won the 2006 *New Hampshire Magazine* Best of New Hampshire award for its library film programs. The library runs a Cinema Cabaret series of Friday night films for adults; a Family Film series on Saturday afternoons; a monthly TeenScene film series; World Cinema independent, foreign, and art films; and, in the summer, outdoor Plaza Pics in Greeley Park. Unfortunately, due to city budget cuts, the library will have to seek private funding to continue the series in the coming fiscal year.

South Meadow School, Peterborough - On October 18th, Yoko Kawishima Watkins will come to the South Meadow School and speak to the 7th grade students on her books, *So Far From the Bamboo Grove* and *My Brother, My Sister and I*...both true stories of her families flight from Korea in 1945. Yoko was 11 years old at the time. A riveting story of courage, survival and the love and respect of family. If anyone would like to attend, contact Marsha Whitney at the South Meadow School library at (603) 924-7105.

IN REMEMBRANCE

MURIEL S. COPSON - 88, of Pleasant Street, Concord, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Presidential Oaks, Concord. She was born in Lancaster, the daughter of Ralph and Cora (McCutcheon) Shute. Muriel was a graduate of Lancaster Academy and also a graduate of Concord Business School. She worked as a secretary for the Department of Public Health and also as a cataloger for the N.H. State Library for more than 20 years. She was a lifetime member of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Concord where she was active in the thrift shop. Muriel was also an active member of the State Employees Association, retired chapter. She enjoyed baking and gardening and also enjoyed spending time at her seasonal property. She is survived by two sons, David R. of Epsom and Douglas J. of Lancaster; one daughter, Marjorie G. Therrien of Epsom; one brother, Kenneth Shute of Concord; one sister, El Glaser of Concord; five grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard J. who died in 1997. Burial will be at Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord.

BETTYANN N. DOLE - 63, of Meriden, died Friday, May 12, 2006, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born in Georgetown, Mass., September 10, 1942, a daughter of Kenneth W. Nunan, Sr. and the late Marion T. Bailey. She spent her early childhood years living in Georgetown. In 1951, the family moved to New Rochelle, N.Y., where she graduated from high school in 1960. On September 2, 1962, she was married to Stanley H. Dole of Georgetown. They started a family and lived in Salem, N.H. until 1973, when they moved to Meriden. Mrs. Dole was employed as librarian at the Meriden Library, a position she held for more than 25 years. She had a strong commitment to the Meriden community, and through the years spent many hours volunteering for various committees and clubs, including Mericrafters, Meriden Bird Club, Meriden Good Cheer, Historical Society, Meriden Home-Ec, Town Hall Committee, 4-H, First Baptist Church Ladies Society and the Plainfield-Meriden History Book Committee. She was also a 14-year member of the Librarians of the Upper Valley and served as co-editor of the town newspaper, *Plainfacts*, for more than 20 years. Mrs. Dole is survived by her father of Cornish; her husband, of Meriden; four daughters and nine grandchildren. Also six siblings, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 19, 2006 at Singing Hills Christian Fellowship in Plainfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Meriden Library, P.O. Box 128, Meriden, N.H., 03770. Ricker Funeral Homes of Lebanon is assisting the family with arrangements.

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